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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0100] of the specification as follows:

[0100] Although not especially limited, the mixing ~~mount~~ amount of the alcohol as used in the first reaction is favorably in the range of 1 to 1,000 times, more favorably 2 to 100 times, particularly favorably 5 to 50 times, in molar ratio to the content of the metal of the above metal carboxylate.

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